GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2007
EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total stock of foodgrains in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total quantum of foodgrains released and lifted for export during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether foodgrains were released to the exporters at a subsidised rate;

(d) if so, the details of subsidy given to the exporters during the said period, year-wise; and

(e) the details of release, off take and price of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 1 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) The foodgrains stock in the Central Pool during the last three years was as under:-

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Foodgrain	As on 1.4.2004	As on 1.4.2005	As on 1.4.2006
Rice	130.69	133.41	136.75
Wheat	69.31	40.66	20.09
Coarse grain	6.47	5.64	9.38
Total	206.47	179.71	166.22

(b) The wheat and rice lifted for export from FCI are shown below:-

(Qty. in lakh MT)

Years	Wheat	Rice	Total
2003-04	70.69	30.71	101.40
2004-05	07.45#	0.90#	08.35
2005-06	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total	78.14	31.61	109.75

Issue of fresh allocations/release orders for export of wheat and rice were stopped w.e.f. 11th August, 2003.

(c) & (d): The amount of subsidy incurred in the sale of wheat and rice for export during the past three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Total

2003-04 2290.80 1862.31 4153.11
2004-05 644.15 336.88 981.03
2005-06# 6.61 7.94 14.55

This amount is in respect of arrears released to the FCI in 2005-06 for foodgrains sold during past years.

(e): The details of allocation and offtake of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) under TPDS during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:-

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Allocation	Offtake
2003-04	712.53	239.30
2004-05	716.99	293.55
2005-06	716.21	311.05

The foodgrains are issued at Central Issue Prices (CIP) under the PDS. The prices applicable during the period are as under:

Commodity	APL (Rs. per qtl)	BPL (Rs. per qtl)	AAY (Rs. per qtl)
Rice@ i) Common	795	565	300
ii) Grade `A`	830	565	300
Wheat@	610	415	200

@Applicable from 1.7.2002